



PRESS RELEASE

Environment Agency Testing for Potential Blue Green Algae at Canvey Lake

The Town Council have installed an aerator at Canvey Lake and are monitoring the oxygen levels in the water, with the hopes of alleviating any potential issues the area may face in the upcoming summer months.

The Town Council are working with the Environment Agency who will be conducting water testing to test for potential blue green algae blooms. Once testing has been completed the Town Council will update residents further.

Algae occurs naturally in waters such as rivers, streams, and lakes. During a bloom, the water becomes less clear and may look green, blue-green, or greenish brown and scums can form during calm weather when several bloom forming species rise to the surface.

Cyanobacteria or 'blue-green algae', a type of blooming algae, can produce toxins. For more information regarding blue green algae and the potential risks please visit the Town Council's website - www.canveyisland-tc.gov.uk

Canvey Lake is not a bathing lake and fishing is prohibited, therefore, the risk to residents is limited if you remain away from the water and heed the warning signs.